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TITLE OF INVENTION DISSIPATIVE CERAMIC BONDING TIP

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1 PA1118	228-004.500	J88	UTILITY	YES	\$620.00	10/30/01

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Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

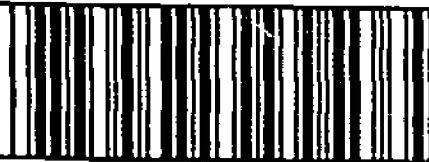
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Examiner

Lynne Edmondson

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/29/01.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-51.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on Feb 25, 2000 are acceptable as formal drawings.

4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

5. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

1 ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5 ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). 6, 13

7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

9 ☐ Other

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.

6 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-51 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Electrically dissipative materials such as dissipative ceramics are known in the art (Chatterjee et al. USPN 5827470 and Omori et al. USPN 4502983) as materials which may be formed and shaped into tools. However, there is no disclosure of using such a material to form a wire bonding tip. Such tools are typically insulating (Hadar et al. USPN 5931368) or conducting (Ellet et al. USPN 4513190) rather than dissipative.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Newburg (Anza Technology, Inc. Test Report), Fogle, Jr. (USPN 5367956), Stansbury et al. (USPN 5180093), Gates et al. (USPN 3538205), Elwood et al. (USPN 5217154),


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Hajaligol et al. (USPN 6030472). Matcovich et al. (USPN 4315128), Razon et al. (USPN 6073827), Linn (USPN 5816472), Hadar et al. (USPN 5931368), Iler et al. (USPN 3660050), Pennings (USPN 4020543), Gilding (USPN 3986653), Dworak et al. (USPN 4331048), Haefling et al. (USPN 4691854), Runkle (USPN 5290507), Funari (USPN 4171477), Ellet et al. (USPN 4513190), Nakamura et al. (EPN 0435423A2) and Nakamura et al. (GBN 2287897A).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynne Edmondson whose telephone number is (703) 306-5699.

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July 20, 2001


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